

Appl. No.: 09/939,345
Amdt. dated: May 9, 2005
Reply to Office action of March 7, 2005
Attorney Docket No. 1999/US
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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2005. Claims 6, 12, 23, 24, 26-31, 35, 38-40, 45 and 48-105 were examined in the Office Action; claims 23, 24, 39, 40, 49 and 50 have been cancelled, leaving claims 6, 12, 26-31, 35, 38, 45, 48, and 51-105 pending. Applicants note that this response is being filed within two months of the March 7, 2005 Office Action, thereby triggering an Advisory Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection for the reason that follows.

A. Response to Amendment:

Applicants note that all pending claims have been rejoined herein for examination as previous amendments have placed all claims directed to the originally-elected species in condition for allowance.

B. Rejection Under § 112 Addressed

Claims 23, 24, 39, 40, 49 and 50 are rejected under §112 as being dependent from cancelled claims. Applicant has cancelled these claims by amendment above, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

C. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 12, 26-31, 35, 38, 45, 48 and 51-105 are allowed.

SUMMARY

It appears that Deposit Account 04-1415 has been charged \$600.00 to cover the additional 6 independent claims allowed in the Office Action. The Applicant believes that no further fees or petitions for extensions of time are presently due. However, should any such fees

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or petitions be necessary, please consider this a request therefor and charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the claims in this application. Further, the Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the application be passed to allowance. In the event the Examiner has questions or comments and a telephone conversation would expedite a resolution, the Applicant(s) invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (303) 629-3400.

The Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2005

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